



KENTUCKY

Employee Connection

News for the state government workforce

Sept. 2014

Top Headlines

State property becomes tobacco-free



All executive branch state property campuses will be tobacco-free effective November 20 – the day of the Great American Smokeout. [Learn more.](#)

Open enrollment for health and life insurance, coming Oct. 13-30

The Kentucky Employees' Health Plan (KEHP) announced no premium increases for the upcoming health insurance plan year. Even though monthly premiums will not go up, employees and their families will enjoy the same plan designs and benefits. [Learn more.](#)

In addition, the Kentucky Group Life Insurance (KGLI) program will feature the traditional salary-based plans and two new plan options— \$25,000 and \$50,000 coverage level. [Visit KGLI.](#)

Open enrollment for health insurance is mandatory; life insurance is optional.

Public Service Recognition Week, Oct. 5-11

The week of Oct. 5 is Public Service Recognition Week in Kentucky. A national celebration that began in 1985, the week is set aside to honor the men and women who serve our nation as federal, state, county and local government employees. [Read more.](#)

Take "Better Bites" for lunch!

Benefits

Ky Employee Assistance Program

September recognized Suicide Prevention Week. KEAP is here to help, providing support and resources for [employees](#) and [supervisors](#) who have concerns about individuals that might be at risk for suicide.

KEAP will offer a new webinar, Depression Relapse Prevention, starting in October. [Learn more.](#)

Things to do

Fall in Kentucky means festivals

Search for your favorite festival [here](#).

Governor's Conference on Energy and the Environment

Registration is underway for this event Oct. 7-8 in Lexington. [Learn more.](#)

Civil War diary published

Check out this unique Civil War diary in the fall issue of the Register of the Kentucky Historical Society. [Read more.](#)

New healthier choices are being offered at state cafeterias and state parks.
[Learn more.](#)



Impressive move of massive public records.

Filled with history, more than 190,000 boxes are being relocated to the new Kentucky State Records Center in Frankfort. [See the story.](#)

Celebrating Employees

Angela Robertson, program coordinator with the Kentucky Boxing Wrestling Authority, has been honored with the prestigious Minuteman Award.

Labor Cabinet employee **Harriett Coomer** celebrates life during Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month.

Transportation Cabinet crews test their skills during the annual Roadeo competition.

Kentucky Gets First Place, Top 5 Designations from Center for Digital Government

Door-prize drawing earns employees new jobs.

[Read the stories.](#)

50th Anniversary Vietnam War Commemoration

Sept. 25 at Kentucky
Vietnam Veterans Memorial

The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) welcomes all Vietnam War era veterans, their families and their supportive communities to Kentucky's first major event commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Vietnam War. [Read more.](#)

Visit the [Kentucky tourism website](#) for a complete list of festivals and events across the Commonwealth.

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